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now you are going to cut off the funds, is that right? Well, that may be one of the things we do. And I said, how many times have you cut off funds on this basis? Well, we've never done that yet. And I said, how many times? How many states have complied, have all of them to the level that you want on this bill. Well, no they vary from place to place. North Dakota has an amendment, and this bill is going to be debated, I'm going to substitute an amendment that says you've got to have a drivers license. You've got to have a first aid kit, and you have to have a card of some kind. That's what 1051 says. That's what they say in South Dakota. And that's the amendment you are going to get here. They are not going to cut off those funds. I've seen that letter. When they came to the committee, the committee said, well let's just get it on the board and we'll keep it at the bottom just to appear that we're making some effort. I oppose it in the committee. Community after community in this state has invested their time, their money, and their effort in to providing adequate service in emergency medical care. And now we're slapping them right in the faces. This is not right. Well, I'll tell you those communities have another option. And if you think you've got a problem now, wait until some of them start saying why don't you take this ambulance service and place it in whatever position you want to place it. It..is that the clever way to say that? Because they don't have to do it. They don't have to do it, and this is a mistake. It's ridiculous. It's not needed, and I think if we give in on this issue, by some administrator 17 levels down, not in Washington, but in Kansas City saying, well here's what you have to do, members of the Legislature. Then if we are going to do that, let them send down all the other directives. Let's quit wasting our time. If we would suspend the rules for this bill, we are making a tragic mistake, and we're complying not to any indication to what anybody wanted. They are not going to cut off the funds. If they do, then we've made a mistake in saying O.K. we have any direction left here at all. Because if we cut off the funds, and the communities won't accept the responsibilities any longer for providing this service. What in the hell do you have anyway.

PRESIDENT: The speaking order is SENators Carpenter, Cavanaugh, Barnett, Richendifer and Richard Lewis. SENator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I put on your desk a copy that the Governor of this great state sent to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. First, I want to ask SENator Kremer a question. Is your candid opinion that what we're talking about, if we don't do this, maybe, they are going to withhold some federal funds.

SENATOR KREMER: This is my understanding of the letter written to the Governor. The letter in response to the one written that you are talking about. Mr. Benninger wrote the letter that I just quoted a part of a moment ago. And it's my opinion that Well, it's kind of like Russian Roulette, that you put a bullet in some chamber and spin it, and go ahead and pull the trigger and hope you miss.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, if you go to this letter. It shows a change over a short period of time of the disposition and the radical movement a man will make who is completely irresponsible. If you go down to the third paragraph. The Governor writes